

the North Atlantic Treaty; as follows: At the appropriate place in section 3 of the resolution, insert the following:

() REQUIREMENT OF FULL COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING OF CAPTURED AND MISSING UNITED STATES PERSONNEL FROM PAST MILITARY CONFLICTS OR COLD WAR INCIDENTS.—Prior to the deposit of the United States instrument of ratification, the President shall certify to Congress that each of the governments of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic are fully cooperating with United States efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured and missing United States personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents, to include the following:

(A) facilitating full access to relevant archival material; and

(B) identifying individuals who may possess knowledge relative to captured and missing United States personnel, and encouraging such individuals to speak with United States Government officials.

SPECTER (AND TORRICELLI)
EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2315

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the resolution of ratification for the treaty (Treaty Doc. No. 105-36) protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. These protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on December 16, 1997, and signed on behalf of the United States of America and other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty; as follows:

At the appropriate place in section 2 of the resolution, insert the following:

() UNDERSTANDING OF THE SENATE REGARDING PAYMENTS OWED BY POLAND, HUNGARY, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO VICTIMS OF THE NAZIS.—

(A) UNDERSTANDING OF THE SENATE.—It is the understanding of the Senate that in future meetings and correspondence with the governments of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, the Secretary of State should—

(i) raise the issue of insurance benefits owed to victims of the Nazis (and their beneficiaries and heirs) by these countries as a result of the actions taken by their communist predecessor regimes in nationalizing foreign insurance companies and confiscating their assets in the aftermath of World War II;

(ii) seek to secure a commitment from the governments of these countries to provide a full accounting of the total value of insurance company assets that were seized by their communist predecessors and to share all documents relevant to unpaid insurance claims that are in their possession; and

(iii) seek to secure a commitment from the governments of these countries to contribute to the payment of these unpaid insurance claims in an amount that reflects the present value of the assets seized by the communist governments (and for which no compensation had previously been paid).

(B) DEFINITION.—As used in this paragraph, the term "victims of the Nazis" means persons persecuted during the period beginning on March 23, 1933 and ending on May 8, 1945, by, under the direction of, on behalf of, or under authority granted by the Nazi government of Germany or any nation allied with that government.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. on year 2000 problem.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on "S.J. Res. 44, a proposed constitutional amendment to protect crime victims."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on Reading and Literacy Initiatives during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled "Environmental Compliance Tools for Small Business." The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 28, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 326, the Abandoned Hardrock Mines Reclamation Act of 1997; S. 327, the Hardrock Mining Royalty Act of 1997; and S. 1102, the Mining Law Reform Act of 1997.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 2:30 p.m. on Federal research and development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE CHALLENGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, over the past year, some remarkable developments have taken place at the University of South Dakota (USD) involving the advancement of public service. The South Dakota Board of Regents has designated the University as a public service center of excellence," the Farber Fund which is committed to assisting students with experiences helpful to a future in public service has continued to grow, and the University's political science program has prospered.

There are a great many people responsible for these positive developments, but undoubtedly the person who has contributed the most, both in terms of effort and vision, has been Dr. W.O. Farber. I have a special fondness for Bill Farber because he was chairman of the USD political science department (then referred to as the government department") when I was completing my undergraduate work there, and later Dr. Farber was instrumental in assisting me with my graduate studies. But beyond personal friendship, Dr. Farber has become an unequalled institution in our state—a voice for reason, progress and integrity respected by all.

Dr. Farber presented an important lecture this past year at the dedication of Farber Hall in the beautifully restored Old Main on the USD campus. I believe that all Americans would benefit from Dr. Farber's wisdom shared with us at that time and also by the Farber Testament" which dates to our nation's bicentennial in 1976.

Mr. President, I ask that excerpts of Dr. Farber's speech, "The Challenge of Public Service" and the Farber Testament be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. President, I appreciate the opportunity to recognize the contributions Dr. Farber has made to the advancement of public service and I encourage all of my colleagues to take the time to read these important observations.

The material follows:

EXCERPTS OF THE CHALLENGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE

(By Dr. William O. Farber, Professor Emeritus (Political Science), University of South Dakota)

Note.—This lecture, presented August 1, 1997, was the first to be given in the newly dedicated Farber Hall in Old Main. Dr. Farber was introduced by President James Abbott.

USD Alumni and Friends: As you may well imagine, this moment has been on my mind for a long time. H.G. Wells, the fabled historian of my generation, once described the